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Soviet specialists in both the Japanese Cabinet Research Chamber and the Japanese Foreign Ministry believe that there are three distinct alignments of political personalities within the Communist Party leadership of the Soviet Government. According to these Japanese specialists:

The first of these is the government group which is composed of Nikolay A. Bulganin, Nikita S. Khrushchev, and Anastas I. Mikoyan. This is a hard-core triumvirate representing the most tough-minded element in the current Party leadership. Some Japanese officials believe Mikoyan to be of such stature in this group that he personally executed former MVD head Lavrenty Daria with a pistol shot.

The second alignment is an anti-Khrushchev group led by former foreign minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov. Marshal Georgiy K. Zhukov and the military-naval leaders are in this group which may include

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~~From~~ Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky, the current ^{Minister of Defense} armed forces chief in Poland. Rokossovsky's recall to Moscow is probably imminent in view of the Poznan uprising and other internal problems affecting Poland. Lazar H. Kaganovich may also belong to this anti-Khrushchev group.

~~The two extreme groups are~~ ^{There is a} a third, moderate group which comprises the serious economists and other practical technicians such as senior engineers and scientists. Georgiy M. Malenkov heads this moderate segment. Kaganovich may actually be within this group. Kaganovich's political position cannot be accurately estimated but, because of the nature of the speech he delivered during the 20th Party Congress in which he protested the heavy requirements he had been required by the Central Committee to enforce and the wages-hours problems derived therefrom, he is definitely considered to be anti-Khrushchev. Vyacheslav A. Malyshev, the former ^{Building} minister of medium machine construction, probably also belongs to this middle grouping.

1. Source Comment: When TSUJI Masanobu, Liberal-Democratic member of the Japanese House of Representatives, visited Moscow during early 1956, TSUJI managed to obtain an appointment to speak to Zhukov. Zhukov had put off the appointment several times, but finally,

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agreed to see TSUJI at a definite hour. Zhukov later explained to
TSUJI that Party surveillance posed a real problem for him (Zhukov)
and that it was almost impossible for him to evade their vigilance.
At last Zhukov had a few hours to himself, Zhukov told TSUJI, when
the two military men could speak freely.

2. Headquarters Field Comments: The nature of the TSUJI-Zhukov conversation has
been reported in CSDB-35998.

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